(b) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) by when these would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI STAYA BARTA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c)A Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted on 8.6.2001 to examine the rehabilitation / restructuring proposals and submit its recommendations in respect of the four sick fertilizers Public Sector Undertakings. The terms of reference of the GOM does not include the drawing up of the fertilizer policy.

Funds for Fertilizer Development

†655.SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds were allocated for fertilizer development during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of total funds allocated;

(c) the target fixed to spend the amount, out of these funds, for the first four years; and

(d) whether funds were spent by the Fertilizer Department out of the allocated funds during first four years of Ninth Five Year Plan; if so, the details of the amount spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BARTA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A total outlay of Rs.20 crore was made during the Ninth Five Year Plan as grant-in-aid for Research and Development in the Fertilizer Sector.

(c) and (d) The actual total plan outlay and the target during the first four years of the 9th Plan period for this purpose was Rs. 16 crore. This amount was released as grant-in-aid by the Department of Fertilizers and has been fully utilised.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.